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SUBJ: REPORTED GUERILLA "LANDINGS" SETS OFF ARRESTS OF EXTREME  
LEFTISTS

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1. DOMINICAN MILITARY AND POLICE BEGAN CONDUCTING NATIONWIDE  
ROUNDUP OF EXTREME LEFTISTS YESTERDAY, AND HAVE TIGHTENED  
SECURITY THROUGHTOUT THE COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITE FIGURES  
ARE AVAILABLE 200 OR MORE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.  
HARDEST HIT GROUP HAS BEEN MOVIMIENTO POPULAR DOMINICANO  
(MPD); BOTH DAVID ONELIO ESPAILLAT OF VIOLENCE-PRBNE WING AND  
JULIO DE PENA VALDEZ OF LEGALIST-INCLINED FACTION WERE  
ARRESTED. IN PROVINCES, ARRESTS HAVE ALSO EXTENDED TO A  
FEW LOWER-LEVEL SUPPORTERS OF LEGALLY RECOGNIZED PARTIES.

2. DOMINICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMATION THAT THREE  
ARMED MEN, TWO OF WHOM WERE SURVIVORS OF 1973 CAAMANO DENO  
LANDING, WERE PUT ASHORE AT PALENQUE BEACH NEAR SAN CRISTOBAL  
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ON JUNE 1. THEY BELIEVE THE THREE MEN TO BE CLAUDIO CAAMANO

GRULLON, CARLOS PENA JAQUES AND MANFREDO CASADO. THEIR INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THREE PUERTO RICANS (REF C) ARRESTED BY DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES AFTER THEIR BOAT PUT INTO LA ROMANA FOR FUEL. THE THREE, WHO HAD BEEN UNDER QUESTIONING SINCE THEIR ARREST ON JUNE 2, ADMITTED TO HAVING PUT THE ARMED DOMINICANS ASHORE.

3. THE POLICE AND MILITARY ROUNDUPS, ORIGINALLY THOUGHT TO BE DIRECTED AT ARRESTING GUILLERMO RUBIOSA FERMIN, MEMBER OF LEFTIST TERRORIST GROUP LA TRINITARIA WHICH ENGINEERED TWO SPECTACULAR AND SUCCESSFUL BANK ROBBERIES LAST YEAR, NOW APPEARS AIMED AT STEMMING ANY LEFTIST SUPPORT FOR POSSIBLE GUERILLA OPERATION. THERE ARE NUMEROUS ROADBLOCKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO DENY PUBLICLY THAT ANY SUCH LANDING HAS OCCURRED OR THAT THE THREE GUERILLAS ARE IN THE DR, THE POLICE AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE TAKING THE MATTER WITH OBVIOUS SERIOUSNESS. THE FORCEFUL REACTION CONTRASTS WITH A VIRTUAL PANIC AND A COLLAPSE OF COHERENT SECURITY ACTION AT THE TIME OF THE 1973 CAAMANO DENO ACTION. THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE THREE COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANY SIGNIFICANT COORDINATED ACTION WITH THE LEFT IN THE COUNTRY AND IF THE THREE HAVE IN FACT ARRIVED, THEIR CHANCES FOR SURVIVAL SEEM POOR.  
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